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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Conversation with [ ] on 11 October 1961

1. As a follow-up to our meeting with [ ] yesterday, he called you this morning and spoke to me, reportedly to clarify our desires regarding the manner in which we hopefully could move to effect ungrounding of the U-2's at Adana.

2. He said he was not sure whether we now wished to "go it alone" in attempting to secure the Ambassador's concurrence in the proposed ungrounding for training flights, or if we might not wish to propose something more complicated than simply flying the airplane in circles around the Base. He said he was also not certain if we preferred to follow the format of what he called the "September plan" wherein we would fly the U-2 under the skirts of SAC U-2's and RB-47's.

3. Of the three alternatives he suggested then, I said that it seemed to me our preference would be to get into the air inconspicuously, riding in on the coat tails of SAC as a first choice, if SAC still wished to press forward with its commitment of U-2's to Turkey. However, should SAC have abandoned this plan, we would certainly want to try the "go it alone" method rather than give up, and that if we took this road, we would want to propose something as simple as possible, lest we be accused of seeking permission for something simple and then doing something complicated.

4. [ ] suggested that we might wish to check with SAC before taking a firm position to see if their disposition for mounting a U-2 operation in Turkey had changed since September. I said we would do this and would call [ ] later and confirm the order in which we would like to attempt ungrounding.

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